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TWO CENTS

POSSE HUNTS FOR NEGRO WHO ATTEMPTS LIFE OF YOUNG GIRL

Bound and Gagged Victim, then Attempts to Burn Her to Death

WANTED MONEY AND WHISKY

Although officers scoured the entire section, no trace had been discovered late Sunday night of the masked negro who, on Friday after being refused whiskey and money, bound Pearl Lene, aged 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Lene of Cokeburg Junction, West Bethlehem township, gagged her by tying a skirt about her mouth, threw her on a bed which had been saturated with oil and then left her to be burned to death.

With the bed in flames the girl managed to roll off it on to the floor where she was discovered in an unconscious condition by workmen from the mine near by who rushed into the building when they saw the smoke from the flames.

The room was considerably damaged, and had not help been available, would have soon been a seething furnace. The unconscious girl was soon revived, but was in a highly nervous state from the experience through which she had gone.

The Lene family is well known in the Bentleyville section, and had only moved to Cokeburg Junction last week in order that the male members of the family might be near their work. The family is a large one, and it was necessary to rent two houses to accommodate them. Two of the boys occupied house No. 33, which is some distance from No. 19 where the parents live.

Friday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock the girl went to No. 33 to clean up, make the beds and do other housework. As she was working about the front a big colored man entered. He had on a stocking cap, pulled well down over his forehead, and about his face he had tied a handkerchief. He first demanded of the girl, after shoving a revolver in her face, that she give him some whiskey. She said there was none in the house. He then demanded to know where the money was, to which she denied knowledge. He insisted, and wanted to know where the money was the family had received for their property. The girl denied all knowledge of it, when the negro became angered, pushed the revolver into her face and forced her into a back room. He knocked the girl down, put a gag in her mouth. Then placing her on the bed, saturated the clothing and then applied a match. He then left the girl to her fate, from which she was rescued by the timely arrival of workmen who were nearby. The negro is still at large.

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OBJECT TO INCREASE OF WATER RATES

Monongahela people are very much exercised over an announcement made by their local water company, that, beginning with the first of the year, the service rates would be raised. The increase will amount to about 67 per cent on each household, or at the rate of eight dollars per year. There is some talk of organizing objections and taking the matter before the Public Service Commission.

MAGGABESS HOLD A SUCCESSFUL REVIEW

The Woman's Benefit Association of the Maggabees held its annual fall rally at Olympic hall, Monessen, Friday afternoon and evening, December 3.

The first session opened at 2 o'clock by singing the National anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner." The officers were seated by the guards from all reviews present. Distinguished visitors present were Miss Nellie E. Lounsberry, Great Commander of Pennsylvania; Mary T. Hardwick, district deputy, of Uniontown; Sarah Pruner, Mary Huseg and Bessie Michaels, of Grandview Review, Pittsburgh. Many fine reports were made by Review collectors. Lady Lounsberry gave an interesting talk on how to prevent suspensions, and drills were put on by Monessen. Belle Vernon and Charleroi guard teams, after which a fine dinner was served by the ladies of the Christian church.

A secret session began at 8:30 o'clock, opening with singing the National anthem, which was followed by the draping of the altar by Belle Vernon guards, the flower fund march by the Charleroi guards, the flag service by Monessen color bearers, and a very beautiful drill was put on by the Brownsville guards. A class of 107 candidates was initiated. Miss Lounsberry, Great Commander, having charge, and assisted by the Donora guard team. Mary T. Hardwick, district deputy, was presented with a gift of appreciation from all Reviews in the district for her splendid work. A silver loving cup was presented by Nellie E. Lounsberry to the Charleroi Review for having secured the most members between July 1st and December 3.

Reviews represented were Brownsville, Fayette City, Belle Vernon, Monessen, Charleroi, Donora and Bentleyville, with a total of about 550 ladies in attendance. The spring rally will be held in Charleroi.

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Outside Solicitors Must Have Credentials Endorsed

At a recent meeting of the local board of Trade, the question of taking some action with respect to collectors and solicitors who appear in Charleroi from time to time was taken up and discussed. It was pointed out that while some of the causes represented were worthy and just, there were quite a number which were not worthy of the consideration or aid of our merchants and citizens. However, it has always been a rather difficult matter for the merchant or business man to decide on the merits of the different causes represented and the Board of Trade decided to establish a rule whereby the merchant and other could be guided when appealed to for a contribution or to assist in some enterprise.

A resolution was accordingly framed and passed, which provided that all solicitors who appear hereafter in Charleroi must have their credentials approved by the Secretary of the Board of Trade. The Secretary will not rely solely on his judgment, but will get the approval of the committee on collectors. If they give a favorable answer and decide the cause is worthy, the credentials will be endorsed, otherwise they will be refused. Merchants, by keeping this resolution and action in mind, will be able to save themselves a great deal of annoyance, by asking for the credentials of the solicitor.

ANNUAL SALE OF GOODS FROM BLIND INSTITUTE

Products of inmates of the Pennsylvania Institute for the Blind, Pittsburgh, Pa., will be found at the Stewart millinery, Fallowfield avenue. These articles, embracing many lines of endeavor on the part of inmates of the Institute, have been sent here in the hope that they will find a ready sale among our people who are interested in the welfare of these young men and women, who sustain themselves by the work of their hands. Practically all of these articles will be found to make splendid Christmas remembrances, and those of our people interested will no doubt find it profitable to visit the Stewart millinery while they are on display to make their selections. Similar goods have been sent here every year, and have always found a ready sale. It is hoped that this year will prove no exceptions to those in the past.

BUTTER IS REACHING FOR LOWER PRICES

Reports from wholesale centers indicate that the price of butter will be much lower than for several months past. During the past ten days this commodity has dropped 9 cents per pound, a decline from the high price of last fall of approximately 33 1-3 per cent. At the prices fixed for this week, the best print butter will sell for 56 to 57 cents a pound, wholesale, and will retail for 60 to 63 cents a pound. Tub butter will be one cent a pound less. Conservatism on the part of the public in buying butter is said to be responsible for this drop in prices. On the other hand, a price of \$1.25 is predicted for eggs before the winter is over.

PIPER-CONNELL NUPTIALS THIS MORNING AT 9 O'CLOCK

This morning at 9 o'clock at the rectory of St. Jerome's church occurred the marriage of Wilson W. Piper, son of Wesley Piper, and Miss Katherine Connell, daughter of Joseph Connell, Sr., both of Lock No. 4 the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father Fries. Witnesses were Jack Carroll and Miss Ada Kauffle. The bride and groom left for a wedding trip to Toledo.

COAL SHIPMENTS SHOW BIG DECREASE FOR PAST MONTH

LID IS CLAMPED DOWN IN CONNELLSVILLE

A police ban was put on gambling and all ill-conducted houses in Conneltsville at midnight Friday, December 3rd, according to instructions issued by the Chief of Police, Thomas McDonald. Every member of the force of that city was met by the Chief on Friday, who discussed plans generally, and who directed an immediate clean-up. Loiterers, gamblers and inmates of disorderly houses are to be arrested in this crusade.

SCHOOL AT STAR JUNCTION BURNED

The ninth school building in this section of the State to be destroyed within six weeks was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, when the 10-room structure at Star Junction was burned to the ground. The value of the building was placed at \$100,000, and accommodated 700 pupils. Members of the State Constabulary said the fire was of incendiary origin.

There was no adequate fire fighting apparatus within five miles and the structure was in ashes before help arrived.

In order to guard against any such fires in their town the American Legion at Fayette City has organized a "Legion Citizens' Protective Society," and members are taking turns in doing duty at night. They patrol the entire borough after midnight, and all suspicious persons apprehended are compelled to give an account of themselves.

HEADSTONES FOR VETERANS' GRAVES

Some time ago the Washington county commissioners called attention to the Act of Assembly of June 7, 1919, requiring them to supply suitable headstones for the graves of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who had been residents of Washington county. They suggested that requisition be made in proper form by friends or relatives of such deceased army or navy heroes. A few responses have been received and a number of applications made, in which cases the orders for the erection of stones have been promptly placed. However, it is believed that there must be numerous unmarked graves of veterans in the different cemeteries of the county and it is the wish of the commissioners that they be notified of all such and that requisitions for headstones be made to them.

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Loss of Production at Mines Given as Reason for Low Figures

WAS OVER A MILLION A DAY

Coal shipments for the month of November through Lock No. 4 fell off to a considerable extent as compared with October, but the employees at the lock are jubilant over the fact that they still hold their record of a million bushels average per day.

The actual shipments of coal, both up and down stream, amounted to 53,699.00 bushels, while that of October was 38,000,000 bushels, showing a decrease of 5,401,000 bushels. This record is not half bad considering all things in connection with the transportation service, the chief handicap being the shortage of output at the mines caused by some minor differences between miners and operators.

The following itemized traffic report is furnished by Assistant Lockmaster Charles R. Taylor, who is on duty in place of James A. Sweeney, who is away on a two weeks' vacation:

Going down—Lockage 576; steamers 347; boats and barges 1833; coal 33,647,000 bushels; sand 3,000 bushels; gravel 3,000 bushels; general merchandise 117 tons.

Going up—Lockings 585; steamers 357; boats and barges 1,902; coal 52,000 bushels; rails 10 tons; other iron products 886 tons; sand 27,000 bushels; gravel 9,000 bushels; merchandise 521 tons.

During the month the steamer Edgar Thomson was replaced in commission, after being overhauled and repaired.

The steamer Rival, of the Rodgers Sand company, is doing duty for the Duquesne Light company in place of the Resolute, which is being rebuilt at the Dravosburg docks.

The steamer Winnifred, of the National Transportation company, is being rebuilt and remodeled at the Albia Marine Ways, Brownsville. She will have an entire new hull, and will be changed from a model to a scow bow type, with gunnel hull, as this style of boat has been found to be better adapted to handling long and heavy tows.

Owing to lack of patronage and the advent of winter the packet LeRoy, which ran in the Pittsburgh-Morgantown trade during the summer and fall, has been withdrawn, and has been entered in a trade on the Ohio river.

NOTICE
FOR THE BENEFIT OF EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS, OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK FROM NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS. PORTER'S JEWELRY STORE, FALLOFIELD AVENUE. 136tf

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TURKEY HUNTING

Hunting wild turkeys under present day game law restrictions is a sport that would have been not at all to the taste of our pioneer forefathers whose woods were full of game and who slaughtered at will. In some of our more populous States no turkeys or other game, except raccoons, can be killed before sunrise or after sunset. Calling turkeys in any manner, or shooting from a blind, or from a bait, or using a dog, are methods absolutely prohibited. Shooting into a flock, with the chances of leaving wounded birds alive, is forbidden; the flock must be scattered, and then only one of its members must be shot. A hunter's license must be worn and displayed all through the chase. Hunters are also required to keep an eye on other hunters and report all illegal killings. And the legal "kill" is just one wild turkey to each hunter.

Contrast these restrictions (which are of course needless in populous districts) with the freedom enjoyed by the turkey hunter of old times. Among our pioneer grandfathers the pothunter did not take the trouble to shoot wild turkeys but caught them by the dozen in traps. Possibly this is still done in the more remote backwoods districts. In order to build a turkey trap or "pen" a space about six feet square was cleared at a chosen spot in the woods. From the center of this a trench was dug to a point about four feet outside of the cleared space was baited with shelled corn or other grain, and was bridged over with sticks. Then a number of saplings were cut down and sections of these employed in building a pen about four feet high around the cleared space, the top of the pen being covered with sections of the same and weighted down with heavy pieces of wood. Lastly a few grains of corn or other bait was dropped at intervals from the mouth of the tunnel to, again, several yards distant, so that wild turkeys feeding in that neighborhood would be attracted toward the snare. When the unreflecting wild fowl had entered by the tunnel and eaten up the bait, they would merely struggle to break through the well-lighted cracks of the pen, forgetting altogether the shadowed path to freedom at their feet.

PUGILISM AND FOOTBALL

Prize fighting is no longer a clandestine business. Formerly a fight for the country's or the world's championship had to take place at some remote point, perhaps even outside the national boundaries, after secret preparation for the event. But next summer Dempsey and Carpentier will fight for the world's championship and for a purse of half a million near the city of New York in a great arena now planned to seat 100,000 persons. The only reason we find assigned for the change is that now there is greater provision against danger to the sluggers and that the match is limited to a period in which the loser, if not knocked out meanwhile, shall not be punished beyond his powers of recuperation, precautions which were supposed to be as old as the prize ring itself.

No doubt the "fun-killers" are outraged and are striving to outlaw pugilism once more, and in this age of suppression it will be strange if they do not succeed. Yet, apart from the money stakes, pugilism would seem to be about as moral as football. It is a little more brutal as a spectacle, but there are fewer casualties. Football players on the other hand, have been killed in quite a number of instances, they are often injured, and there is rarely a "knocked out" player whose restorative must be in the sight of a thrilled assemblage. The appeal to the primitive animal that loves a fight is just about as noticeable in football as in slugging contests.

Remember your dead W. S. Cook and Co. Monuments with Famous Frieze Funeral Home

WHY CRIME INCREASES.

The reasons assigned for the continuing "crime waves," including police inefficiency and the demoralizing effects of war, all fail to get at the bottom of the matter. The long standing and chief cause is to be found in the failure of the courts to convict and punish, a failure in part due to a system granting larger rights of protection to the defendant than to endangered society, and in part to the lack of sound attitude toward crime and criminals on the part of a vast proportion of the public. That there is such failure is evident from the following figures:

In 1913 in the city of New York there were 323 homicides, 185 arrests, 80 convictions, and only 10 death sentences. In 1914 in New York City there were 292 homicides, 185 arrests, 66 convictions, and only 6 death sentences. In 1917 in the same city there were 236 homicides, 280 arrests, 67 convictions, and only 9 death sentences. In 1918 in New York City there were 221 homicides, 256 arrests, 77 convictions, and only 6 death sentences.

More or less of a parallel for these figures can no doubt be found in the criminal record of every American city and State. As long as there is more than even chance of escape from conviction, as long as the chances of the death penalty are as but 1 to 70, just so long will there be an approximation of a carnival of crime, with the tendency toward increase rather than decrease.

The Department of Agriculture advises farmers to raise skunks because they kill mice, grasshoppers, crickets and white grubs, and will yield from \$50 to \$100 a year. The skunk may be a useful destroyer and his fur undoubtedly commands a good price, but there is some risk involved in dealing with the creature.

A paying as well as a considerable newspaper rule is reported from the office of Mr. Harding's daily. Long ago the Senator is said to have given instructions that his employees should not go out of their way to publish the names of innocent relatives of persons figuring in the news as transgressors of the law.

Odd Names for Fish.

The bass of the South is the red fish; then we have the striped bass which has several vernacular names. Says the American Forestry Magazine, All of our sunfishes, of which the common pumpkin-seed or tobacco-bass is an example, have been designated as various kinds of basses; and there is the brassy bass, the calico bass, often confused with the crappie; the silver bass is another name for the "mean-eye."

Poverty and Splendor.

I saw many poor, whom I supposed to live in affluence. Poverty has, in large cities, very different appearances; it is often concealed in splendor, and often in extravagance. It is the care of a great part of mankind to conceal their indigence from the rest; they support themselves by temporary expedients and every day is lost in contriving for the morrow.—Dr. Samuel Johnson

Union of South Africa.

The total area of the Union of South Africa is 467,701 square miles, or about one-sixth the size of the United States. The country is divided into four provinces, of which the Cape of Good Hope is the largest, with an area of 276,775 square miles; Natal covers 34,990 square miles; Transvaal 168,000 square miles, and the Orange Free State 48,326 square miles.

"Spare" in Readiness.

A little girl was on a ferry boat with her mother. Evidently being the first time she was on a boat, she looked around and took everything in. Her mother questioned her as to how she liked the boat, upon which she replied: "I think it very nice, and I am glad they carry a 'spare,'" pointing to a life buoy.

A plant which is somewhat common in Brazil shows a remarkable luminosity which can be seen for a distance of a mile. Seated near one of these plants after nightfall it is possible to read fine print and to perform other operations which require a light.

Moleoscopy.

"Moleoscopy," is the delineation of character and reading of the past and future by means of moles upon the human face and body. It is an even more ancient occult science than that of palmistry.

Muskelunge sometimes run up to one hundred pounds in weight, says the American Forestry Magazine, and to land one with rod and line is a feat not to be forgotten in a lifetime.

Well, Isn't That Correct?

Toledo Blade—"It's the belief of some that when a Bostonian and a dictionary disagree, it's the dictionary that's wrong."—Boston Transcript.

Small Savings Important.

Small savings are like stones in a bridge; they build a firm support to carry one over the flood of an emergency.

AVIATION IN ANCIENT INDIA

Writings Refer to a Kind of Airplane Used in Warfare in the Year 500 B. C.

Writing on "Aerial Warfare in Ancient India" in Discovery, Ikbal Ali Shah recalls the interesting fact that the science of aviation was conceived in India as early as 500 B. C. Incised in the caves of Ellora are figures of ancient Hindu aerial machines, and there are references in the traditional books of the Brahmins, particularly the Ramayana and Mahabharata, to the use of "flying carriages" in the earliest period of Indian history.

The Ramayana (compiled about 500 B. C.) informs us that Rawan, a king of Ceylon, used to fly over his opponents' armies, "and not infrequently caused them severe loss," while after the defeat and death of that monarch at the hands of the Brahmins his "flying carriage" became the property of the Ramchanda, the Hindu chief, who flew in it to his capital at Ajlindhia.

In the Sanskrit classic one comes across numerous aeronautical terms. Among these are Vaman-yanu, meaning: To propel a flying carriage. Vaman-Chirya, meaning: To fly in a flying carriage; Vaman-Perbhoot, meaning: A succession of flying carriages; and Vaman-Ari, meaning: One who works a flying carriage (an aeronaut).

"Such phrases are very frequently met with in the Hindu epic writings," says the writer. "It is generally admitted that, when a language is in process of formation, new words and terms are coined as the necessity arises. Is it venturing too far, therefore, to assert that, if flying machines had not existed in ancient India, such phrases could surely never have come into common use? Why, then, do we find them so deeply embedded in old Sanskrit?"—American Review of Reviews.

UNHURT IN FLAMING PLANE

American Airmen Give Demonstration of Efficiency of New Aircraft Fireproofing Compound.

A hair-raising demonstration of the efficacy of a new aircraft fireproofing compound was staged at Atlantic City, N. J., a few weeks ago by two American airmen, late of the Lafayette Escadrille, reports Popular Mechanics magazine, in an illustrated article. Each of the men first donned a special flying suit and metal helmet, both of which had been painted with the compound. Mechanics then sprayed each with gasoline. Meanwhile the plane, which also had been painted with the preparation, was similarly drenched with gasoline. Pilot and passenger climbed into their seats. As the engine was started a torch was applied to airmen and aircraft. Roaring forward over the air-drome, like a flaming, smoking comet, the plane rose into the air and for five minutes horrified the spectators. At the end of this time the flames had died out and the plane was brought to earth. Careful inspection having been made, airmen and airplane were found to be unharmed except for a coating of soot.

Lunch Sentiment.

It is fashionable these days to discount the "little red schoolhouse" and remind sentimental political orators who wish to defend it and other traditions with a state constabulary, that it was the workroom of an overworked teacher. But the "carry your own lunch movement," which follows some years of "proper hot lunch" in our schools and offices, does bring the old days back when the last half-hour before noon was a squirming, anxious wait before Johnny and Bobbie could examine their little tin boxes and swap apples and pears and thick cheese sandwiches, and boast about their mothers' cakes. Those were the days when hard-boiled eggs cost 2 cents, instead of 10, and the doughnut and the cookie were not stereotyped bakery products but the treasure of home fare on the topmost pantry shelf. Those were the days!

Some months ago stalwarts of the old French army were amazed to learn that the kepi was to go the way of the red trousers. Its place being taken by a steel helmet for parade occasions and a soft bonnet for undress uniform. The decree was always unpopular, since the kepi, in addition to being comfortable and smart, is immemorably associated with the glory of French arms.

Now, however, the minister of war answers a deputy in the Journal officiel by stating that a return to the kepi is actually under consideration. It is good news, and already many garrisons and officers are allowed to wear it as a part of their walking-out kit.—London Times.

A Flivver Catches Grasshoppers.

Fred Hawkins, a farmer in southern Thayer county, has discovered a new use for the flivver. Grasshoppers are plentiful in his section and it is necessary to kill them off now before they can lay their eggs. He attaches to the front of his Ford car a trap-like device made on the principle of a vacuum cleaner. It takes in a 30 foot swath and will function at an speed up to forty miles an hour. It has cleaned five hundred acres of alfalfa by this device and gathered in about three-quarters of a ton of hoppers in the once over.—Sioux City

WANT BOUNDARY LINE FIXED

Both Quebec and Newfoundland Would Be Glad to Have a Slice of Newfoundland.

Recent surveys of Labrador, which have disclosed immense resources of timber suitable for pulp and paper manufacture, have led to a revival of efforts to bring about a determination of the boundary line between Newfoundland and the Canadian province of Quebec. This line has never been laid down by actual survey and its various definitions as given in documents issued at intervals in the last century and a half are so vague that government officials do not know just how much of Labrador belongs to Newfoundland and how much to Canada.

That Labrador is rich in many natural resources, including enormous water power, has long been known, but the practicability of utilizing its forests for paper-making was not demonstrated until the world-wide paper shortage led to exhaustive investigations of the territory. This resulted in applications by promoters to the Newfoundland government for timber limits in Labrador. As these could not be acted upon until it was determined whether Newfoundland owned the land in question, representatives of this colony were sent to London late in the summer to discuss with eminent English counsel the preparation of a formal draft of Newfoundland's Labrador claims as opposed to those of Canada.

WALL PLASTERS IN COLORS

Admixture of Wood Fiber with Plaster-of-Paris Has Given Most Satisfactory Results.

The stuff we call plaster-of-Paris is gypsum ground to powder. When water is added to the powder it becomes a stone.

We are familiar with plaster casts, used for statuary and many other purposes. There is no end indeed to the employment to which plaster-of-Paris is put. The wonderful and much-admired buildings of the Chicago fair were of "stuff" made from gypsum.

We have in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas beds of gypsum so vast that they could supply the whole world for ages without important diminution of the quantity available. They are a valuable asset, as yet hardly touched.

The United States bureau of standards has recently made successful experiments in the production of colored wall plaster, by admixture of wood fiber with plaster-of-Paris. The wood fiber can be dyed any color desired, and the plaster made of any texture. Panels of the material have been submitted to the Gypsum Industries association in Chicago.

Traveling Libraries a Success.

"Traveling Libraries," an experiment tried by the Saskatchewan government, has met with such spontaneous success that an additional appropriation of \$12,000 has just been made further to extend the project. Today there are more than 300 of these libraries between the international border and the Northwest territories. The libraries have had a special appeal to trappers of the Hudson Bay company. Officials of this company say that the trappers, about whom volumes of thrilling tales have been written, do not care particularly for stories of adventure. They turn to fiction of city life, of society if possible. Each traveling library consists of 50 books, which are shipped in a strong box to a group of residents who act as distributors in their respective districts.

Have "Libraries" of Bones.

Certain medical schools of American universities have "lending libraries" in which bones take the place of books on the shelves, and are let out on exactly the same system as in a circulating library. The student on paying the sum of 25 cents can borrow any bone in the collection, and by renewing the loan every week, keep it for a month.

A complete skeleton is worth from \$30 to \$50, according to its condition. A skull brings from \$25 to \$5; and a perfect specimen—a comparative rarity—as much as \$50. Leg, arm and collar bones command a ready market at from 50 cents to \$1.25 each, while a perfect string of spinal vertebrae is valued at \$5.—North China Herald.

Ancient Commission.

Marblehead (Mass.) Historical society came into possession of a valuable historical document in the shape of a commission as lieutenant in the state militia of Nathaniel Hooper. The commission bears the signature of Gov. John Hancock and his secretary, John Avery, and is dated 1791, "in the 16th year of the independence of the United States of America." The commission assigns Lt. Hooper to a company in the Second regiment, first brigade and second division of the militia of the commonwealth, comprising the county of Essex.

New Guard Against Counterfeiters.

A message from Prague to London states that a method has been discovered of making more difficult the passing of forged bank notes. The invention consists of imbedding in the paper on which bank notes are printed quantities of fine steel and nickel particles. Such paper responds to the attraction of a magnet, and anyone can easily test the genuineness of a

First Use of Glorious Banner.

On June 14, 1777, the continental congress passed a resolution adopting our original flag. John Paul Jones claimed to have been the first to raise the new flag over a naval vessel, and probably the first use of the Stars and Stripes on land was at Fort Mifflin, where a hastily improvised banner was raised on August 3, 1777.

Yet to Be Determined.

London. Punch declares that an American newspaper has announced the grafting of a tomato shoot upon a potato plant so as to obtain a crop of fruit above ground with roots below. "But," says Punch, "the article doesn't state whether the plant should be known as the 'potato' or the 'tomato'."

Remarkable Swimming Feats.

Capt. Matthew Webb, in 1875, succeeded in swimming from Dover to Calais in 21 hours and 45 minutes. On September 5 and 6, 1911, Thomas William Burgess, an Englishman residing in Paris, swam from South Foreland, England, to Le Chatelet, France. The time was 24 hours and 35 minutes.

Unrecognized Genius.

The first literary efforts of Maeterlinck were attended by failure. His first book of poems received no recognition whatever, and he was compelled to print twenty-five copies of his first play, which were distributed gratuitously among his friends.

An Electric Washer, Maybe.

As a rule when your wife has something she wants to talk to you about she wants to talk to you about something she doesn't have.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The One Absorbing Topic.

The reason some people don't talk more than they do is that they can't think of anything to say about themselves.—Boston Transcript.

Exemplary Service.

Phone: "Hello, Central! Get me Blank 5-37—and say get it quick, like they do in the movies."—Boston Transcript.

Not Much Left.

The world owes you a living, but the paymaster often gets held up by the hunters.—Boston Transcript.

Mostly Nuisance.

"Every bluffer is more or less of a duffer."—Forbes Magazine (N. Y.).

TAKE STOCK OF YOUR HEALTH NOW

Winter Brings Many Ills to Pale, Overworked People

TAKE PEPTO-MANGAN

Fortify Your System—Good Blood Will Give You New Strength to Keep Well

If you feel the least bit run down, not necessarily sick, but tired and blue, and sort of down and out, it shows plainly that your power of resistance is low.

It is dangerous to go around that way. You don't want to do it.

Make no mistake about it, when you feel yourself slipping into lazy habits, getting indifferent to the things you naturally like—no energy, no vigor, always tired—it is time to look out. It may not mean that you are sick or that you will be. But there are diseases that would have an easy time of it with your system when your blood has no fighting qualities.

You want to be well and keep well and feel strong. If you build up the quality of your blood by taking Pepto-Mangan you will be in trim to fight off winter ills. It has just the right ingredients to build your blood up with rich, red corpuscles.

Pepto-Mangan gives your blood the qualities it needs to pick you up and start you off on a healthy basis. You will notice the difference soon after you start taking it. You will have better color, better feeling, and more energy.

You can take it in liquid or tablet form as you prefer. Both have the same ingredients. But be sure you get the genuine Gude's Pepto-Mangan. Ask for it by that name—"Gude's Pepto-Mangan," and be sure the full name is on the package.

Adv.

Efficiency

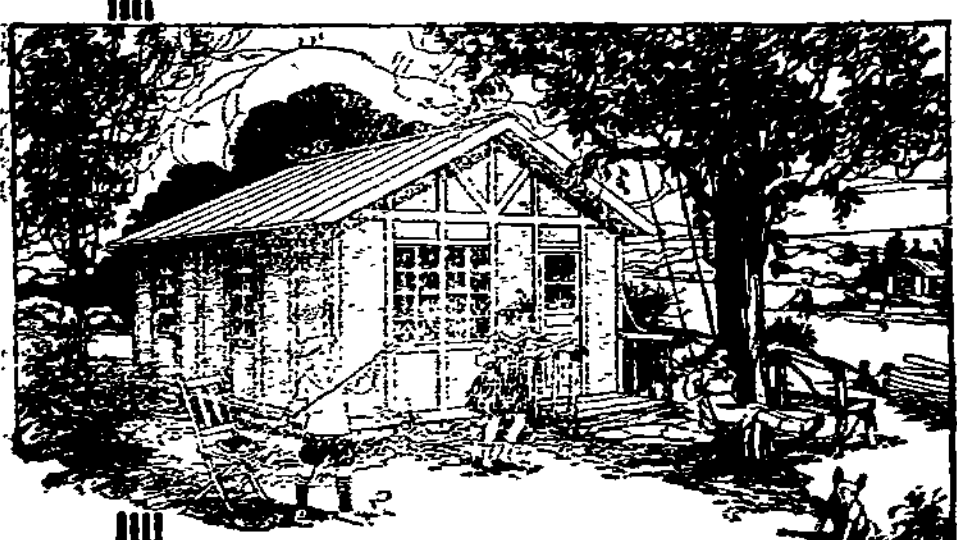
The business man, efficient himself, quickly recognizes efficiency in others.

He expects efficiency from those in his employ and from all who serve him in business capacities.

Naturally, then an institution favored extensively by business interests—as this institution is—must be efficient in the broadest interpretation of the word.

Bank of Charleroi

CHARLEROI, PA.



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A most attractive, comfortable, economical summer home. We have them right here in your own home town ready for delivery. These buildings are in sections already to quickly and easily erect on the very spot you wish one placed.

Pro-slate Panel Buildings have rough, green, stucco-like walls, paneled off with stained timbers, topped off by a roof of rough red brown—fire-safe, weather-proof, substantial.

The beauty and the very low cost of these buildings will surprise you. Let us show you our sample cottage (already erected) today. We have a model that will meet your very requirements.

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411 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, Pa.

Order direct from Pro-Slate Panel Building, Inc., Chicago

If you have no place to live, get one of these cottages—size 16x19, 16x24, 16x32. We have them in stock. Let us tell you about them. Rent saving for a few months will pay for one. Garages of the same material.

SPECIAL SALE OF MEN'S SUITS

1/4 off Our Entire Stock of Fashion Park Suits 1/4 off



The name "Fashion Park" should insure the quality every man or young man should demand in a suit. It is a guarantee that the fabrics are strong and durable, that the workmanship is without flaw and that the styles are absolutely the best to be had. These suits were extra good values at our original prices. At one fourth off they are something no one should miss.

\$80.00 Suits now.....\$60.00
\$70.00 Suits now.....\$52.50
\$60.00 Suits now.....\$45.00

All other suits and overcoats in our entire stock reduced.

Buy your suit and overcoat at this sale.

Second Demonstration Hewitt's Renewer Cleaner

Monday, Dec. 6, 1920

This will be the second demonstration we have had of this wonderful cleaner. Come and see how to brighten up your home as well as clean anything you wear. Ask your neighbor. We have had a wonderful sale of this useful household article.

Restores color to all carpets and other fabrics no matter how delicate. Cleans silks, furs and anything that you might want cleaned that you could not even wash. Removes grease spots. Try it on your inlaid linoleum. If you have some very small piece of upholstered furniture, such as a tabourette or something like that, a small rug, a grease spot on anything, bring it and let us demonstrate to you how easy it can be cleaned.

J. W. Berryman & Son

Charleroi's Christmas Store

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Two beds. Walnut and oak. Oak, is single bed, good as new, 503 Seventh street. 153t3p

FOR SALE—Parlor, bedroom and kitchen furniture. Practically new. Cheap. Inquire 479 Mail office. 152-tf

FOR SALE—Second hand upright piano, Mahogany case. Fine condition \$125 cash. This is the best bargain we have offered this year. Second hand Square piano \$15. Good second hand organ \$10. Store open evenings. Schroeder Piano Co., Fifth street. 154-t2

FOR SALE—Two good heavy spring wagons. One set double harness and one good work horse. Will be sold cheap. Apply Armour & Co., Charleroi, Pa. 153t6

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment of 2 rooms and bath, 212 Washington avenue. 153t4p

WANTED—Girl to assist with housework. Inquire 600 McKean avenue. 152-tf

WANTED—To rent by young married couple, furnished or unfurnished house, apartment or rooms. Address J. E. Strebig, Ellsworth, Pa. 153-t6p

WANTED—Three or four unfurnished rooms or small apartment. Man and wife. Inquire 481 Mail office. 153a3p

WANTED—One or two rooms for light house keeping, must be reasonable. Permanent tenant. Call 483 Charleroi Mail 153tf

WANTED—By young couple two or three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire 482 Mail office. 154t3p

WANTED—4 Union Carpenters. Bring tools. Federal Foundry job, near Y & O. Tipple. Call J. S. Rockwell, Phone 59-W. 159-t5p

WANTED—Apartment, furnished or unfurnished, house or furnished rooms. If unoccupied for winter only, would be glad to have it. No children. Address 478 Mail office. 152-t6p

WANTED—Two furnished rooms. Call 479 Mail office. 152-tf

WANTED—Young man to sell candy to retail trade between New Eagle and Brownsville. Good salary and chance for advancement. A local concern. Apply by letter, giving reference to Post office Box 207, Charleroi, Pa. 154-t3

WANTED—Lady to clean Theatre. Inquire 484 Mail office. 155tf

LOST—Ladies black silk purse. Finder can have the contents if they will return the purse to 122 Fallowfield avenue. 153-t3p

LOST—Saturday night, a mink fur scarf, on the streets or in Berryman's store. Finder please return scarf to Mrs. John R. Phillips, Isabelle avenue, Lock Hill or call 573-W Bell Phone and receive reward. 155-t2p

LOST—Small black purse between Fennings Drug store and Second street. Finder please return to Mail office. 155-t2

LOST—Rim and tire Sunday or Monday. Finder please return to Markovitz, 901 Meadow avenue and receive reward of \$5.00. 155tf

LOST—Airdale pup. Reward of \$5.00 if returned to boat yard, Lock No. 4. 155-t1

Clerks: (Men, women) over 17 for Postal Mail Service. \$125 month Experience unnecessary. For free particulars of examination write R. Terry, (former Civil Service Examiner) 931 Continental Building, Washington, D. C. 154t3

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Furness have issued cards announcing the marriage of their daughter Margaret Louise to Crawford Wheeler, which took place Thursday, November 25, 1920, at St. Louis. They will be at home at 112 Easton street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, after the 15th of November.

Congresswoman Robertson must be an unusually lively old lady, for she is said to have been a pioneer "60 years ago" in the region afterwards known as Oklahoma.

ROCHESTER IS AFTER OTHER FOOTBALL TEAMS

Rochester High school football team having disposed of Monessen so easily, now wants to play both Washington and Greensburg, to determine which has the best football team in Western Pennsylvania. Whether the other teams will accept the Rochester deficit is another matter—likely they will not.

BASKET BALL NOW COMING TO THE FORE

With the close of the football season the various basket ball teams in the different high schools in this section are preparing for the schedule, which opens early in January. Quite a number of strong teams will be lined up for the championship, and some very interesting contests may be looked for.

LOCAL HUNTERS RETURN WITH A FINE DEER

Messrs. F. W. Jones, R. C. Mountser and Ed. Kramer returned on Sunday from several days' hunting on the game preserves of the Charleroi Mountain Club, bringing with them a fine buck deer, which Jones brought down. Jones admitted that he had a slight attack of buck fever before he finally got the animal.

Administrator's Notice

In Re Estate of Harry Russell Sphar, late of West Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, Deceased.

Letters of Administration upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all those indebted thereto to make immediate payment to those having claims and demands to present them for settlement.

Kerfoot W. Daly Administrator. Charleroi, Pa.

Hugh E. Fergus, Attorney. Charleroi, Pa.

Nov. 8-15-22-29 Dec 6-13

CALL AND RECEIVE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM CARD. CLYDE B. COPE, REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE. 315 MCKEAN AVENUE 154tf

Christmas Offer

Columbia Graphophone \$10 down and \$5 per month. Schroeder Piano Co., Fifth street Charleroi. 142tf

Get your coal now before too late. Lump coal our specialty from S. S. Blomino. Bell phone 187-R 152t12p



This will fix my cold
"I ALWAYS keep Dr. King's New Discovery handy. It breaks up hard, stubborn colds and stops the paroxysms of coughing." No harmful drugs, but just good medicine. At your druggists, 60c and \$1.20 a bottle.

For colds and coughs Dr. King's New Discovery

Stubborn Bowels Tamed
Leaving the system uncleaned, clogged bowels unmoved, results in health destruction. Let the gently stimulating Dr. King's Pills bring to you a regular, normal bowel and liver functioning. Same old price, 25c. All druggists.

Prompt! Won't Gripe Dr. King's Pills



Sleep?
Does a dry cough keep you awake?
KEMP'S BALSAM
will stop the tickle that makes you cough
GUARANTEED

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

COAL DUMPED ON SIDEWALK 20C PER BUSHEL

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511 McKEAN AVENUE

Great Unloading Sale

Of the highest quality Men and Boys Suits and Overcoats, the seasons newest fabrics and styles to select from. Go on sale at 25% on the dollar. Now is the time to clothe yourself.

BUY NOW SAVE MONEY **25** Per Cent Off BUY NOW SAVE MONEY

Remember when we put on a sale and advertise **25 per cent off**; that it really is a money saving event.

Not a remarking of prices, or the best laid aside you get your choice of our entire stock, and as we say;

"If Not Good, We Make Good"

Right now, when you need warm clothing, we offer you our stock to select from. Prices for instance

\$67.50 Suits or O'coats	\$50.63	\$45.00 Suits or O'Coats	\$33.75
65.00 " or "	48.75	42.50 " or "	31.88
63.50 " or "	47.63	40.00 " or "	30.00
60.00 " or "	45.00	37.50 " or "	28.13
57.50 " or "	43.10	35.00 " or "	26.25
55.00 " or "	41.25	32.50 " or "	24.38
50.00 " or "	37.50	30.00 " or "	22.50

Sale starts Saturday, Dec. 4. Be on hand early to get what you want.

Murdock & McCarty
511 McKEAN AVE.

4 BIG CANDY SPECIALS

Maple Creams
Chocolate Covered,
topped with Walnuts
A tasty combination

Try them out!
90c value at a

Special Price of
59c the lb.

5 lb. box \$2.95

---OR---

Wandell's
"Baltimore
Caramels"

Also covered with
rich chocolate
75c value at

Special Price of
59c lb.

---OR---

Chocolate Covered
Cream Peppermints
Special at

59c lb.

5 lb. box \$2.85

---AND---

MISS AMERICA
Chocolate Covered
Cherries in Cream

59c lb.

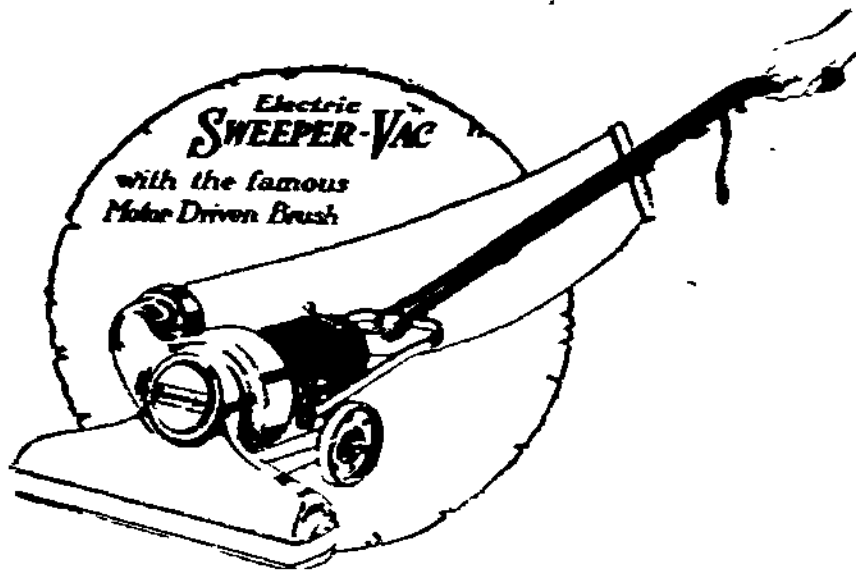
See Our Windows

PIPER'S PHARMACY

Fallowfield Ave. Charleroi

Read the Circulars

Speed Guessing Contest! **SWEEPER-VAC** With Motor Driven Brush



\$100 in Cash Prizes \$100

First Prize
\$50

Second Prize
\$50

in cash will be given to the first person guessing the correct or nearest to the correct number of revolutions per minute made by the Motor Driven Brush of the SWEEPER-VAC.

A second prize of \$50 will be given any person who will form a club of 6 persons, each of whom will purchase a Sweeper-Vac from us during this guessing contest. If more than one club is formed each person forming one will receive a prize of \$50, provided the six cleaners are purchased by the club.

POINTS TO REMEMBER IN MAKING YOUR GUESS!

1—The special object of this contest is to fix your attention upon the fact that the SWEEPER-VAC has a Motor Driven Brush and then to show you what we mean by a Motor Driven Brush. You will see that the Brush is revolving at good speed while the machine stands still. This shows that it is being driven electrically and that you do not have to push the machine in order to get the brush to work, as you have to do with almost all other Vacuum Cleaners.

2—The Regular Speed of the SWEEPER-VAC Brush is 1,350 revolutions per minute.

3—This machine shown here is purposely speeded less than 1,350. So make your guess less than 1,350 revolutions. To make sure that the correct guess receives the prize, the brush speed of this machine has been set by the manufacturer and will be known only to him until we receive his telegram announcing it at the close of the contest.

4—This Guessing Contest closes Saturday, December 18, 1920, at noon. The winners will be announced at 4 o'clock that afternoon in our store.

5—A check will be sent the winner at the close of the contest. NOTE—Because of a very probable variation of electrical voltage between the factory and here, the actual reading of the brush speed would be a trifle different in the two places. This fact further safeguards your guess against anyone here secretly reading the speed by meter.

Regan & Hormell,

518 McKean Avenue

Charleroi, Pa

For his
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your photograph.

A sitting to-day
solves the gift problem
of to-morrow

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There's a Reason

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Four Excellent Entertainments At
High School Auditorium

The Harp vocal Ensemble on Dec. 9th
Dr. Paul M. Pearson on Jan. 24th
The Bostonia Sextette on Feb. 10th
Kayenes and Jack Liden on Mar. 2nd

Season tickets, including war tax and reserved seats \$2.40. These attractions singly will cost \$4.40.

Course tickets for sale at Piper's. Seats reserved Tues. Dec. 7 at Schroeder's.

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Is popular with the public because it appeals to your judgment in FORMING THE SAVINGS HABIT.

Don't delay in entering your name early and making a START TOWARD ACCUMULATING YOUR MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS or other uses.

**Commencing
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It offers a chance for you to co-operate with hundreds of others in SAVING SYSTEMATICALLY—a little each week—GETTING INTEREST and enjoying the advantages of a well-organized bank.

For full particulars call at the bank. Do it now.

Every person in this community should join—IT HELPS THE WHOLE TOWN. SEE HOW YOUR SAVINGS GROW.

Class 25. Pay 25c EACH week for fifty weeks, and you will receive \$12.50 with 5 per cent interest.

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Class 100. Pay \$1.00 EACH week for fifty weeks, and you will receive \$50.00 with 5 per cent interest.

Class 200. Pay \$2.00 EACH week for fifty weeks, and you will receive \$100 with 5 per cent interest.

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FOR SALE

Four rooms Fallowfield Ave. \$3600
Five rooms Shady Ave. \$3800
Four rooms Crest Ave. \$3700
Six and four room house Fallowfield Ave. \$6500
Eight rooms and 5 acres ground \$5000
Two lots Lincoln Ave each \$3000
Two lots Prospect Ave. each \$1000
Three room house, two lots, three cows, all for \$2600
One hundred three acres underlaid with Freeport coal, ten roomed brick house, and outbuildings, only \$15000

A. L. DUBINSKY,
407 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, Pa.

FOR SALE.

5 houses Eighth St. \$4500. & \$4700
Double House Meadow Ave. \$4700
Double House Washington Ave \$7000
2 houses, one lot, Crest Ave. \$6750
2 houses, one lot Third St. \$5700
2 Double Houses, two lots. \$6750
Inquire E. J. Charles, Trust Co.

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"The Composite"

Blacker Style of shoe

The Composite is a shoe built to meet the requirements of thousands of men. Being cut two sizes under thru heel and instep it affords a remarkable degree of comfort to the wearer.

The Nettleton Composite is a shoe men adapt permanently—it is always "in season."

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The World's Footwear

Snakes.

Snakes are classed as oviparous, or those which lay eggs; and ovoviviparous, or those which bear living young from an egg which is hatched before or at the time it is laid. The egg-laying species of serpents generally belong to the constricting group, which kill their prey by squeezing it; while most all ovoviviparous serpents are species which take their prey with their mouths, and do not kill by constricting. For instance, the blacksnake belongs to the egg-laying group, while the copperhead snake produces living young instead of eggs.

Superstitions About Ears.

There are several superstitions about the tingling of one's ears. It was at once commonly believed that if it was the right ear it meant that a friend was speaking well of one. The tingling of the left implied the opposite. Sir Thomas Browne, the famous author of "Vulgar Errors," ascribes the idea to the belief in guardian angels, who touch the right ear or the left according as conversation is favorable or not to the person.

Stippling by Clock Work.

The stippling effect which many artists make use of in the working up of their pictures, especially those intended for reproduction, has been heretofore secured by laboriously going over the picture by hand, but the operation has been greatly simplified recently by the English invention of a stippling pen which is operated by a clock work motor. The work is done evenly and quickly.

Preparing Isinglass.

The best quality of isinglass comes from the sounds that are dried in the sun. After drying, the sound is again moistened with warm water and the interior shiny skin is removed by hammering or rubbing. Finally, it is rolled between two polished iron rollers.

Singular Illness.

"Sir—One of our operators is quite hoarse. 'The doctor tells me,' she confided, 'that my larynx are affected—whatever they are.' We told her this was a singular affection, but unless given prompt attention might become pleural."—Correspondent of the Chicago Tribune.

Tattoo Marks.

Although tattoo marks are generally asserted to be indelible if produced by the insertion of carbonaceous matter, it is said they will disappear if first well rubbed with a salve of pure acetic acid and lard, then with a solution of potash, and finally with hydrochloric acid. It would be advisable to consult a skin specialist.

Plenty of Cream of Tartar Here.

Americans have for generations spent millions of dollars a year in Italy for cream of tartar, a household necessity which the grape regions of the United States can well supply. This is a by-product collected from the sediment of the fermenting vats and the sides of the tanks, against which it crystallizes during storage.

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SEALS**

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CHRISTMAS
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Save**

a little every week, a few pennies, a nickle, dime or more. (Small amounts you can easily spare without inconvenience). Deposit them weekly and see them grow into dollars, yes, a pile of dollars, and

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Cent You Have Saved,
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**Everybody, Old and Young, Children and Babies
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You will have money for presents and other expenses and it will come so easy it will be just like finding it. Don't miss it—enroll at once. Let every one in the family join.

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CHARLEROI, PA.

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Why Pay Full Prices
Save 25 per cent on every dollar

Come to our store and see for yourself the valuable presents we are giving.

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Entire Stock

Suits and O'Coats
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Kuppenheimer, Society Brand, Sampeck and other well known styles. Come early while the selection is big.

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